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It is with narrow-souled people as it is with narrow-necked bottles: the less they have in them the more noise they make in pouring it out.—Pope.

THE "CITIZENS' TICKET"

The so-called "citizens' ticket" is destined for quick and inglorious death, and under the circumstances which surround its interjection into the fall campaign, a speedy demise is both logical and fitting.

Promoted in secrecy, launched in mystery and kept under the shadow of political illegitimacy, this citizens' ticket is anything but what its name indicates. It is born into the world with all the birthmarks of being the creation of disappointed ambition. Its make-up is not only lacking in strength, but chosen with such shortsighted lack of consultation with the men named thereon that at the outset the child has repudiated its father, whoever that enterprising individual may be.

The STAR-BULLETIN is a believer in *bona fide* citizens' movements, but this is not one of them. This paper believes that the will of the people should at all times be paramount to the will of the politicians, but this ticket is not an expression of the will of the people.

Were the movement backed by those Republicans who were swept aside at the county convention by the combination that ruled it, the STAR-BULLETIN would find some merit in the contention that they have a right to go before the people and settle the question of their popular standing. But one after another the men mentioned on the "citizens' ticket" as candidates have declined to run. Their names have been used without their consent, without any consultation by this shadowy "Committee of Fifty." The gentlemen who lurk in the dark and frame up slates at the expense of responsible men whose wishes are not first consulted, cannot expect to carry much weight in the judgment of voters.

This paper does not find any necessity for commenting on the individual make-up of the "citizens' ticket" because, in the first place, the ticket has already been repudiated by nearly everyone on it, and, in the second place, some good men are mentioned who would be desirable on any ticket. It is grossly unfair to them that they should be placed in such an unpleasant position as the alleged "Committee of Fifty" has placed them. But as a whole the ticket is weak; it is not a vote-getting ticket; it is not a representative ticket, unless it is representative of the ideas of a few jaundiced office-seekers who failed to win nominations.

The danger of even recognizing such a movement is that it plays directly into the hands of the Democratic party, and plays the political game for Democracy.

The STAR-BULLETIN has every respect for the average citizen in politics and every desire that Honolulu politics be controlled by all the people. But it must be recognized here and now that strength of purpose and a demand for clean politics will fail, and fail ridiculously, unless backed by general demand and open, popular support.

The thing to do, if men of Honolulu are dissatisfied with the results of last week's convention and with the system that made those results possible, is to see that the Republican party is elected on its platform of a direct primary, and to hold the legislators responsible, day by day and hour by hour, for the fulfillment of their pledge to pass the direct primary law.

HARMONY FOR THE CAMPAIGN

Harmony and cooperation between the Republican territorial central committee and the Republican county committee is the only program that will bring Republican success to Hawaii this fall.

Both committees have just been organized, and the tenor of their relations will be watched with much interest. It is a fact that there is danger of some friction between the two. The Kuhio forces dominate the territorial committee absolutely, while the county committee is in charge of men who, while not hostile to Kuhio, are not enlisted in his support.

Such differences must be put aside as the party goes into the fall campaign. L. L. McCandless is a formidable candidate for delegate, say what his detractors will, and the Republican county convention has aroused considerable factional feeling and much disappointment among

unsuccessful candidates for the board of supervisors and the legislature.

If Republican men and principles are to win this fall, the two campaign committees must work in absolute harmony and on a joint program. A divided house is doomed from the outset.

Both the territorial and county platforms can be given the sincerest support. Both carry many progressive measures. The only possible way whereby these measures can be enacted into law is by the combined efforts of territorial and county campaigners. Otherwise, Kuhio will be marked for defeat and the board of supervisors and the legislature split between Republicans and Democrats, with a deadlock so far as the Republican program of progressive legislation is concerned.

Get together, gentlemen!

KEEPING UP WITH THE HEALTH PACE

What desirable publicity may be given any community through the advertisement of a high standard of health and sanitation is illustrated in the favorable comment made by many papers and magazines on the health report of 1911 for the Philippines.

That ten million people have been vaccinated without the occurrence of a single death, that smallpox has been practically wiped out and the health of the islands increased by many hundred per cent, are remarkable facts showing what Uncle Sam's medical scientists are able to accomplish. Now Manila and other cities are making a bid for tourist traffic on the strength of their health record.

Honolulu's record is far and away better than that of the Philippine cities, natural conditions favoring the islands powerfully. But the record is not to be maintained without some energetic sanitation, which is the moving agent of health. The sanitation commission's report made a few months ago should be studied by every candidate for the legislature, because the legislature will be asked to enact laws based on the study made by the members of the commission.

Secretary Fisher has made a record probably unique in the islands. He has taken part in a serious controversy with an attitude such that neither side thinks it's getting any the best of it, and the general public seems to think both sides are getting the worst of it.

Charles Hustace, Jr., is a man whom the community holds in respect, and were he a candidate for the board of supervisors, he would be elected. As a candidate for mayor at this time, and under present conditions, he simply assures the election of Joe Fern for two years more.

That national highway from Washington to New York to San Francisco would certainly be handy for the stump-speakers on tour.

If all the imprisoned militant suffragettes have to be fed forcibly, one hesitates to think what will become of jail discipline.

City Clerk Kalaanokalani seems to be about the only man that doesn't need to do any worrying. He's on all the tickets.

Duke Kahanamoku will have to hurry back and shine up his laurels. Honolulu now has a girl swimming champion.

Our idea of a forlorn hope is a citizens' ticket made up simply because a number of aspirants didn't get nominated.

Every disappointed politician and candidate is now likely to be suspected of being the Committee of Fifty.

Now that Italy has captured a Tripolitan oasis, there will be a cessation of hostilities for awhile.

A political movement which is launched in secrecy as to its promoters is doomed from birth.

China needs that fifty million, but not so badly as the Six Powers seemed to think.

Might as well begin getting ready now to send a rowing crew to the coast next year.

The "citizens' movement" will at least help elect a few more Democrats to office.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

CAPTAIN ROBERT W. PARKER—I picked up a drunken soldier this morning on Queen street, and escorted him to the trolley car. He certainly appreciated by kokua.

B. VON DAMM—Everything is all right now. And the next thing to do is to work along harmoniously. Pan huhu everybody and the Republican candidates will be elected in November.

SAM HARDESTY—I sure expect to win out. I have no enemies that I know of in the Democratic ranks, and have also a lot of friends outside of the Democrats that have promised me their support in the coming fight. Besides, the East End, which comprises Palolo and Kaimuki, must and shall have a representative in the board of supervisors. It is too important a suburb to stand to one side and catch what may be thrown to it by the city fathers. If elected, I shall give the best there is in me to the people of this city.

WM. BUSH—The Kapahulu Improvement Club feels grateful for the granting by the supervisors of their request for the straightening of the Mahee Island road, but it feels that the board should not be content to let this road stand as left by the overseer. It is now only three weeks old and being composed of dirt, is virtually "shot to pieces" right now. A few hundred dollars more would put a top dressing of coral on which would insure a lasting monument to the sagacity of our much-abused city pops.

PERSONALITIES

MISS VERNET MACGREGOR, of the millinery firm of Macgregor and Blatt, returned on the Mongolia from an extensive buying trip in the East.

MISS COLLAIS WIDELY KNOWN FOR HER VOICE

Miss Edith Rosslyn Collais, dramatic soprano, who will be heard in connection with Mrs. Arthur B. Ingalls in concert at the Empire theater Sept. 30, is well known to music-lovers of Honolulu.

Miss Collais was engaged as principal soloist at the Twenty-third Avenue Presbyterian church in Denver, and also at the Grand Avenue Methodist church in Milwaukee. She received her German coaching with Frau Hesse-Sprote at Milwaukee, where she made a fine impression with her good work, and pleasing personality.

In concert work, while touring the Central States, she was very successful, especially in oratorio work, both from Elijah and the Messiah.

The directors of the Oahu College have considered themselves very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Collais as vocal teacher, and she has more than made good in her masterful handling of the pupils at the school.

YEAR'S SALMON PACK PLACED VERY HIGH

The 1912 Alaska, Puget Sound and Columbia river salmon pack will total approximately 4,227,000 cases according to an unofficial estimate made recently by W. I. Crawford, secretary of the Puget Sound Salmon Canneries' Association. The exact figures showing the pack have not yet been obtained from all the canneries, but from the returns already in and from reports which he has received from different points in Alaska, on Puget Sound and the Columbia river, M. Crawford estimates the total season's pack at slightly more than 4,250,000 cases of fish, or considerably less than packed last year.

Big Pack in Alaska. The estimate indicates that the pack of salmon in Alaska will be the largest ever put up. This was due to the increase of more than 600,000 cases in the Western Alaska pack and to the fact that several new canneries operated in Central and Southeastern Alaska this season.

Mr. Crawford estimates the Alaska pack at 3,500,000 cases, the Puget Sound pack at 427,000 cases and the Columbia river pack at 300,000 cases. The total estimated pack for the three districts is 4,227,000 cases. The pack of the same districts last year was 4,806,000 cases.

Small Output on Sound. The Puget Sound pack will be one of the smallest on record, and the Columbia river pack is also a small one. The light pack on the Sound and the Columbia river will bring the total pack considerably below that of last year and will bear out predictions made some time ago in the Post-Intelligencer by leading packers that the season's pack would be less than many unacquainted with conditions were willing to admit.

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ed to possess kabuna powers, particularly in love matters, and a woman of much magnetism and fascination. There is Mrs. Thornton, "never tired of keeping open house, always ready to entertain the stranger." There is Billy Barker, an adventurer who married a Hawaiian heiress with sugar land. There is a Mr. Elkins who "games of good old missionary stock and the Royalist faction never loses a chance to hint that his beautiful Colonial house is quite unlike the rude hut of his grandfather, entirely ignoring the fact that his and his father have sweetened life for royalist and missionary alike."

Then there are the "Singlees" who had "just married their fifth officer in the United States navy, having an indisputable fascination all their own which makes them the envy of other girls and the despair of other matrons." The Singlees have "showered French nicknames on their girls with a reckless disregard of a surname which suggests Chinese."

The story has a strong flavor of navy life, the cruiser California figuring prominently in the story. Mrs. Spottedfin of the navy has come from the coast and is "waiting her uncertain orders." She goes to a dinner party and being of a somewhat slightly disposition, with a busy tongue, she, "in blissful ignorance of Honolulu high life plunged in where the kamaaina fearsome to tread," with the result that one half the guests are amused at her blunders on radical matters here and the other half scandalized.

The book is full of Honolulu gossip and is illuminative in its revelation of what a "malihini" seems to thing of society here. In a personal note to a local resident, the authoress says that she has been in Honolulu quite often and believes she has caught the atmosphere.

BIG ARMY FOR OAHU

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such hostile forces as may succeed in landing at any place on the island. "Under conditions of modern warfare we can not count with certainty upon reinforcing the peace garrison of the island after a declaration of war, or while war is imminent." The security of our naval base in the Pacific therefore depends that the garrison of Oahu must be able to hold out at all hazards until our fleet can arrive in Hawaiian waters. This may be taken as 40 days, assuming that the fleet is not employed on another mission and that the Panama canal is open to its use.

"The minimum peace garrison of Oahu is therefore placed as follows: 6 regiments of infantry at maximum statutory strength (150 men per company), 1 regiment of cavalry, at maximum statutory strength (100 men per troop), 3 battalions of field artillery (9 batteries), 1 company of engineers, 10 companies of coast artillery, 1 ambulance company, 1 field hospital.

"Plans are being made for the expansion of the Hawaiian National Guard and the organization of volunteers from the American population. But the foundation of defense must rest upon trained regulars who are familiar with the complicated terrain of the island. Our naval base in the Pacific will never be attacked except by troops of the highest skill and training and the attack will be made before exterminator troops can be prepared or hardened for full military effectiveness."

TWO GUNBOATS TO BE BUILT AT MARE ISLAND

VALLEJO, August 27.—A sister ship to the gunboat Monocacy will be built at Mare Island. Telegraphic orders to begin work were received from Washington this morning. Both gunboats will be used in Chinese waters.

With two ships to be built instead of one, the cost of each will be lessened by distribution of the overhead charges, and the estimate of \$141,000 for the Monocacy was so much lower than the nearest private bid—\$211,000 by a Seattle firm—that an investigation was demanded and made.

Authorization for the gunboat just ordered was made by Congress in 1898. Great Britain objected under the treaty of 1812, to the use of the gunboat on the Great Lakes, as was planned, and after fourteen years the appropriation has now been let.

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